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Partnerships—Working Together to Manage Public Grasslands

We wish everyone a happy, healthy new year, and hope your holiday season was joyful! To kick off 2011, we are excited to invite all our partners to join us for *Range School*, which is the next action for building collaborative efforts for public grassland management. *Range School* is a response to requests from all stakeholders to strive to achieve two goals: First, to establish a common foundation and language for our collaborative group, rather than “a bunch of scientific jargon,” and to allow everyone to share a common language; and second, to understand and clearly define results of various grasslands management options. We are excited to sponsor *Range School* to continue our open communication and dialogue along our collaborative path, and welcome all to join us!

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR RANGE SCHOOL!

KEY RANGE SCHOOL TOPICS

Components of our proposed range school include the following:

- Plant Growth
- Time & Timing of Grazing
- Range Nutrition & Livestock / Wildlife Behavior
- Range Monitoring
- Using Livestock as a Vegetation Management Tool

There is something for everyone as we work together to sustain multiple uses of the national forests and public lands while together we achieve shared understanding of all goals. Final outcome should result in improved rangeland conditions.



1982



1991



2005

Oglala, Buffalo Gap & Ft. Pierre



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Coming Soon: This spring we will invite you to prairie dog colonies on the Fall River Ranger District of South Dakota to discuss management implementation and land-owner incentives to manage for prairie dogs.

Landscape Changes Over Time: Looking Forward While Looking Back

Monitoring techniques let us look at and analyze changes over time. While photos provide an impressive and immediate illustration, other useful techniques include visual obstruction readings, (VOR), proper functioning condition for riparian areas, (PFC), and Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) monitoring protocols, such as similarity index.

